

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2494  
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STATE PASS LABOR DEPARTMENT

STATE FOR NEA/ARN

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: BEXP, SY  
SUBJECT: COMPENSATION FOR ALI JOHAR

REF: DAMASCUS 365

1. POST HAS RECEIVED LETTER DATED MARCH 17, 1977 FROM  
LABOR DEPARTMENT (ANDREW J. VERESPEJ, HEARINGS AND REVIEW  
EXAMINER, OFFICE OF WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION PROGRAM) REQUEST-  
ING COPY OF EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT AND COPIES OF LAWS NO. 91  
AND NO. 279 AND ANY LATER LAWS REGARDING COMPENSATION IN  
SYRIA. PREVIOUS LETTER FROM SAME OFFICE DATED SEPTEMBER  
7, 1976 INFORMED EMBASSY THAT LABOR DEPARTMENT WOULD NOTIFY  
POST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE WHEN THEY MAY PROCEED WITH THE  
MATTER.

2. ORIGINAL OF MR. JOHAR'S CONTRACT WAS SUBMITTED TO  
USDOC BY LETTER FROM EDWARD E. GNEHM TO BRAD TYRRELL  
JANUARY 30, 1975. WE WILL NOW POUCH TO LABOR DEPT.  
PHOTOCOPY OF EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT. SYRIAN COMPENSATION  
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LAWS REQUESTED ARE IN ARABIC. POST REQUESTS GUIDANCE  
WHETHER ARABIC COPY SUFFICIENT; IF NOT, REQUEST LABOR  
DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZE MAXIMUM \$250 FOR TRANSLATION  
SERVICES. HOWEVER, AS POST HAS ALREADY SUBMITTED  
BY OM DATED AUGUST 26, 1975 RPT 1975 TRANSLATION OF  
RELEVANT PORTION OF LAW AND LEGAL OPINION PREPARED  
AT THAT TIME FREE OF CHARGE BY LOCAL ATTORNEY, SUGGEST

YOU REFER TO THAT MESSAGE.

3. FOR SECSTATE AND USDOC: POST UNDERSTOOD USG WAS  
CONSIDERING ONE THOUSAND DOLLAR PAYMENT TO ALI JOHAR  
AS REWARD FOR HAVING SAVED PAVILION AND VALUABLE SKYLAB  
EQUIPMENT. WE HOPE THAT THIS ACTION BY LABOR DEPARTMENT  
DOES NOT RPT NOT MEAN THAT WE HAVE DROPPED THAT IDEA AND  
ARE GOING DOWN NEW PATH. FURTHERMORE, LATEST REQUEST THAT  
WE RESUBMIT DOCUMENTATION WHICH HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN  
PROVIDED SUGGESTS THAT NO CENTRAL FILE ON  
JOHAR CASE HAS BEEN MAINTAINED. EMBASSY STRONGLY URGES  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND STATE TO PURSUE THIS MATTER  
EXPEDITIOUSLY AS IT HAS ALREADY BECOME AN EMBARRASSMENT  
TO OUR RELATIONS IN SYRIA.  
MURPHY

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